



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-01450, on the date below:

December 16, 2003
Date


Steven L. Highlander

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Val. C. SHEFFIELD *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/612,809

Filed: July 10, 2000

For: THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS
FOR CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE
BASED ON A NOVEL HUMAN
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: SCHARWTZMAN, R.

Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:042USD1/SLH

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-01450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Communication dated July 16, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was October 16, 2003. A petition for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with required fee. This extension will bring the due date to December 16, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. It is believed that no fees are due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/IOWA:042USD1/SLH.

Amendments/Listing of Claims starts on page 2 of this response.

Remarks start on page 4 of this response.